

Horseman stays at Wycombe

TONY Horseman is to stay with Wycombe Wanderers. This announcement which most Blues fans will receive with a sigh of relief, was made after Tuesday night's match against Kingstonian at Loakes Park.

Speculation about Horseman's future started last week when he asked manager Ted Powell to be released. On Saturday Powell told the 35 year old veteran that his request would be granted.

Horseman came back five minutes later to say he was willing to stay after all. Powell deliberated and said that a final decision would be made after Tuesday night.

In announcing that Horseman would after all be staying, Mr Powell said, "Tony is still a great asset to the club and that's the reason he is staying on."

This means that Horseman, who has been out of league football since receiving facial and rib injuries against Enfield three weeks ago, will be able to add to his club record aggregate of more than 500 goals.

But when he starts playing again is still in doubt. It could be in tomorrow's Rothmans Isthmian League Division One match at home to Walthamstow Avenue, for he is now returning to full fitness after his injury.

BIRDSEYE BACK

Another casualty, right back Paul Birdseye could also make his return to the side following a nagging groin injury which has kept him out of the game for three weeks. If he can prove his fitness he is a certain starter and will replace his deputy Mike Sorenson.

Otherwise manager Mr Powell is likely to retain the side that performed so confidently against Kingstonian in mid-week. No player was more impressive in that game than John

Priestley, who came into midfield to replace the departed Alan Davies. Davies was released at the weekend.

Should Wanderers take three points from the game, they will be right up with the leaders, especially as a result of Tuesday's full league programme which brought defeats for Dagenham and Leatherhead. Hitchin, who won 1-0 at Barking take over at the top.

Not the least spectacular result was Walthamstow's 5-3 defeat at home to Hendon. It's been a funny sort of season for Avenue, who now find themselves in joint 13th position alongside Southall.

Perhaps their most extraordinary result of the season was their 4-1 defeat at the hands of Kingstonian in the F.A. Cup. Since that game the Thames-side club have slipped further and further down the table.

The explanation of that freak result concerns the departure of Avenue's captain Martin Smith to Leytonstone in the week before the game. The team were disrupted by this move, but since then they have showed improved form — until Tuesday night.

One of the reasons for their improvement has been the form of their new goalkeeper Terry Moore, signed from Ilford in the close season. Moore, who helped Bishop's Stortford with the F.A. Amateur Cup, has been one of the star performers of the side.

The introduction of two newcomers into the side has also paid off. Graham Nash, a 19 year old full-back and Rickie Court,

20 year old midfield player have both turned on fine displays in recent weeks.

WALTHAMSTOW: (Probable team). T. Moore, G. Nash, D. Blackman, T. Blacktin, A. Droy, J. Neil, R. Court, J. Knapman, R. Sedgwick, A. Hunter, J. Deare. Sub: B. Jackson.

ROTHMANS ISTHMIAN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hitchin	12	8	3	1	16	9	27
Dagenham	12	6	1	3	23	13	25
Leath'head	11	7	1	3	18	8	22
Wycombe	12	7	1	4	20	15	22
Tooting	12	5	3	4	25	24	18
Woking	11	5	2	4	17	12	17
Ley'stone	11	5	2	4	17	13	17
Hendon	12	5	1	6	18	17	16
Sutton	10	4	3	3	15	13	15
Enfield	9	4	3	2	9	9	15
Slough	10	4	3	3	9	9	15
Stortford	12	4	2	6	17	16	14
Southall	10	4	2	4	15	15	14
Wal'stow	11	4	2	5	15	15	14
Staines	10	4	1	5	10	11	13
Barking	11	4	1	6	13	17	13
Croydon	9	3	3	3	10	10	12
Hayes	9	3	2	4	9	12	11
Tilbury	10	3	2	5	6	11	11
Dulwich	10	2	4	4	11	15	10
Kingston	10	1	2	7	8	20	5
Ilford	12	1	2	9	4	21	5

Phillips in

ALAN Phillips the Wycombe Wanderers centre back has been named in a squad of 16 to represent the Rothmans Isthmian League against champions Enfield on Tuesday, October 5. The 16 will be bidding for a place in the Rothmans combined leagues' side to tour the Canary Islands in May.